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Homicide Suspects in Custody

Kankakee, IL – On 8-11-2020 on the 400 block of West Bourbonnais Street in Kankakee, Albert Zaragoza, 66 years of age, was found strangled in his apartment and his vehicle, a silver Ford F150, was found to be missing. At about 3:00 AM on 8/14/20, the Illinois State Police located the vehicle which was left parked and unoccupied on the I-88 near Dixon, Illinois.

Based on information provided to investigators and personal property found in the vehicle, Kankakee Investigators and Dixon Police began searching the Dixon area for two subjects who were believed to have been in possession of the missing pick-up truck after Albert Zaragoza's death. At about 8:00 AM on 8/15/20, Dixon Police located one of the subjects in their jurisdiction, a 25 years of age Kankakee resident. He was taken into custody and released to Kankakee police detectives.

At about 1:45 PM on 8/15/20, the body of Elliot Shepperd, 41 years of age, who had also resided in the same apartment building but in a different apartment than Albert Zaragoza, was located in the attic of the apartment building. Family members had reported him missing on 8/12/20. They have been notified.

At about 11:00 AM on 8/16/20, Kankakee police detectives located the second suspect, a 32 years of age Kankakee resident, on the 300 block of E River Road. After a foot pursuit, the detectives and patrol officers, with the assistance of an Illinois State Police canine unit, took him also into custody.

The matter is still under investigation with both subjects in custody and charges pending.

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